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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No.: 10/696,739
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Applicant: Rex Miller et al.
Group Art Unit: 3677
Examiner: Flemming Saether
Title: FASTENER FOR SPANNING A LARGE GAP
Attorney Docket: 0275M-000650

Commissioner for Patents
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT & PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed February 6, 2007, and prior to examination of the present application, please amend the application as follows and consider the remarks set forth below.

Applicants hereby petition under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for a two-month extension of time in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action. Please charge our deposit account 02-2550 for the fee incurred with this response for such extension of time as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a).

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 16 of this paper.